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(b) if the receipts have exceeded the expenditure, the average surplus per year; and

(c) whether they propose to make the copyists and copyist examiners permanent?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information other than that contained in the statement which was laid on the table on 4th August 1931.

(c) No.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"In view of the fact that the receipts of the Copyist establishment have always exceeded the expenditure, as seen from the statement laid on the table of the House on the 4th August, and in view of the fact that there has always been a surplus, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to distribute the surplus of each office to the copyist of that office?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I do not think we can consider proposals of that sort for further expenditure in the present financial stringency."

Number of Sardars, Naiks and Paiks in the Ghumsur division.

* 552 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the total number of (i) Sardars, (ii) Naiks and (iii) Paiks in the Ghumsur division of the Ganjam district is;

(b) what the duties performed by the Sardars, the Naiks and the Paiks of Ghumsur division in Ganjam, respectively, are;

(c) whether the said functionaries discharge their duties invariably in person or whether they are allowed to make money contributions so as to enable the Tahsildars to employ substitutes;

(d) the period for which a Paik, a Naik or a Sardar is required to render service during a year;

(e) how many of them render personal service and how many of them are allowed to contribute 'Pali' money;

(f) why or in what circumstances permission to pay 'Pali' money is granted; and

(g) whether the Government ever sanctioned the receipt of 'Pali' money and the employment of substitutes for Paiks or Naiks or Sardars?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to page 6 of the Ganjam District Manual. The services of the Paiks are now generally utilized by the officers of the Forest, Revenue, Public Works and Police departments in carrying tapal and messages, guarding camps, escorting carts, and so forth. The Paiks also generally escort Government officers on tour. The Government have no other information.

(c) *to* (g) The Government have no information.